GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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FUND FOR TELANGANA
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received to release funds for development of Telangana region in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradeshsubmitted a three year (1996-97 to 1998-99) Action Plan for strengthening of police force and the socio-economic development of the Naxalite-affected tribal areas with a proposed outlay of Rs.1299.17 crore. Subsequently, a group of Hon'ble Members of Parliament from the Statealso submitted a request on 9th August, 2000 for providing special funds, as a separate package to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, toimprove the backward, hilly and extremists affected areas of Telangana.

The proposals were examined, keeping in view similar problems, being experienced in the States of Orissa, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and it was viewed that for the socio-economic development of this region, the State Government have to dovetail the proposed programmes with the existing development programmes in the Naxalite-affected areas and approach the concerned Central Ministries' for assistance under their respective Central Schemes.

Planning Commission approves development plan for the State, as a whole and not as broken down amongst its regions. The preparation of development projects and their dovetailing with the existing development programmes, for a particular region, is a prerogative of the State Government.